(d) what are Government's plans for industrial growth to absorb the population eligible for employment during next five years;

(e) whether it s a fact that 2/3 of population eligible for employment is agricultural labour; and

(f) whether Government would consider granting agriculture, the status of industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Projected Natural growth rate for the period 1996—2016 is given below:

	Natural growth rate
1996—2001	1.51
2001—2006	1.46
2006—2011	1.45
2011—2016	1.40

[SOURCE: Technical Group on Population Projection]

(c) According to an internal exercise done in the Planning Commission the population and the Labour Force (age 15+) for the year 2007 have been projected at 1107.51 million and 509.35 million respectively. The projections for labour force have been done taking into consideration the increase in population, change in the age structure of the population and the age group specific Labour Force Participation Rates. The exercise was done for period upto 2007.

(d) In the large and medium industry sector the stress is on achieving a high rate of industrial growth by increasing competitiveness of industries. Besides, there are schemes like Growth Centres and Integrated Infrastructural Development centres to facilitate industrial development and thus promote employment. There are also special programmes like Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Rural Employment Generation Programme of Khadi & Village Industries Commission, etc., for increasing self employment opportunities in industry, trade and services. There are also a large number of schemes for individual sectors like handlooms, handicrafts, sericulture etc.

(e) As per the estimates available from the 50th Round survey of National Sample Survey Organisation, Agriculture & Allied activities accounted for 62.60% of the total employment.

(f) The national Policy on Agriculture currently under formulation envisages a positive trade and investment climate for agriculture at par with industry. The intention is to bestow on the agricultural sector, in as many respects as possible, benefits similar to those obtaining in industry such as easy availability of credit and other inputs, free movements of agricultural products and infrastructural facilities etc.

Fund Released for Long Term Action Plan in Orissa

1004. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been released to the State Government of Orissa on the long term action plan (K.B.K.) Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput from 1995-96 till date;

(b) whether Government of Orissa has submitted the Annual Action Plan and the utilisation certificate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The amount released to the State Government of Orissa on the Long Term Action Plan (LTAP) for Kalahandi, Bolangir & Koraput districts (K.B.K.) by the Department of Rural Employment & Poverty Alleviation, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Ministry of Non Conventional Energy

Sources taken together for 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 stood at Rs. 164.03 crores, Rs. 181.82 crores and Rs. 193.28 crores respectively. The Annual Action Plan for 1995-96, 1996-97 & 1997-98 are annexed at Annexure I, II & III respectively.

[See Appendix 184, Annexure No. 31]

Salient Features of Draft Ninth Five Year Plan Document

1005. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recently released the Ninth Five Year Plan Document;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the document has recommend the contradictory ideals of following more vigorously the cause of economic reforms and simultaneously fulfilling the socialistic agenda based on Leftist ideals; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to such an attempt to reconcile the economic ideologies of multi-party in compatibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The draft Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) approved at the internal meetings of the Planning Commission was released on March 01, 1998 by the then Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. This Plan is yet to be considered by the National Development Council. The draft Ninth Plan Document has been developed in the context of four important dimensions of State Policy, which may not necessarily be attained by the free operation of market forces. These are (a) quality of life of the citizen; (b) generation of productive employment; (c) regional balance; and (d) self-reliance.

The focus of the draft Ninth Plan can be described as "Growth with Social Justice and Equity". The specific objectives of the Ninth Plan arising from the greater reliance on market forces and the imperative for public policy and action discussed above are as follow:

(i) Priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty;

(ii) Accelerating the growth rate of the economy with stable prices;

(iii) Ensuring food and nutritional security for all, particularly the vulnerable sections of society;

(iv) Providing the basic minimum services of safe drinking water, primary health care facilities, universal primary education, shelter, and connectivity to all in a time bound manner;

(v) Containing the growth rate of population;

(vi) Ensuring environmental sustainability of the development process through social mobilisation and participation of people at all levels;

(vii) Empowerment of women and socially disadvantaged groups such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes and Minorities as agents of socio-economic change and development;

(viii) Promoting and developing people's participatory institutions like Panchayati Raj Institutions, cooperatives and self-help groups;

(ix) Strengthening efforts to build self-reliance.

(d) The Government have decided to review this Draft so as to suitably reflect the altered priorities, as enunciated in the National Agenda for Governance. Detailed action plans are already under